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BROWN AND MATTISON ANNOUNCE PRESERVATION GRANT FOR HISTORIC SITES IN NEWARK

(TRENTON) -- The Krueger Mansion and Ballantine House in Newark will receive historic preservation grants of \$436,875 and \$115,328 respectively under legislation signed by Governor Florio, Assemblymen Willie B. Brown and Jackie R. Mattison (both D-Essex) announced today.

"We can not afford to let our historic treasures fall into disrepair," said Mattison. "With proper care, future generations will be able to visit sites such as these and learn of Newark's rich cultural heritage."

"Both houses were built by the industrialists who helped Newark grow at the turn of the century," said Brown. "The Krueger Mansion was later bought by Louise Scott, the first black millionaire in Newark. Representing two important facets of Newark's history as they do, these sites are clearly worthy of preservation."

Brown explained that the grant is funded by a bond issue approved in 1987 by the citizens of New Jersey. The measure signed by the Governor, which passed the Legislature in June, appropriates the funds for the designated sites. The bill transfers bond-issue funds to the New Jersey Historic Trust which has parcelled out the grants on a competitive basis.

Mattison said the funds dedicated to the Ballantine House, which is part of the newly expanded Newark Museum, will be used for the restoration of that building's interior.

Brown said that the Krueger Mansion, which is seriously endangered, will undergo exterior restoration as well as major structural repairs.

"Newark is a proud city that has had a prosperous past and that promises a prosperous future," said Brown.